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1. Between 1500 and 1630 on 11 March 1955, political editors and editors-in-chief of major newspapers and the GDR broadcasting system attended a conference at the Press Office of the GDR government. Klinger (fnu), an official of the Press Office, was chairman. Vincenz Mueller, who was accompanied by three high-ranking AVP officers, made a speech on the establishment of the National Army. He invited the journalists to note the bottleneck existing in the supply of foodstuffs. He said that an improvement in the supply of sugar was not to be expected because sugar had to be stored for the National Armed Forces. The same applied to oats, grits, and noodles.
2. Mueller also stated that agreement was reached at the recent conference in Warsaw attended by Foreign Minister Bolz that a common defense system had to be jointly built up by Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the GDR. Such plans involved the possibility of temporarily stationing friendly forces on German territory. Plans were also under discussion to have major naval units stationed in Baltic Sea ports. It must therefore be expected that a strict prohibition on the taking of photographs will be laid down for specific areas in the GDR. It was the mission of the press to explain the necessity of such measures to the public. It may also be possible that in the future travel to specific military areas would be watched closely. Another press conference was announced for 24 March 1955.

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